

Benton Mennonite Church

May 1 2022 *Third Sunday of Easter*

Worship leader: Jerrol Shaum

Speaker: Doug Kaufman

Song leader: Lyn Buschert

Peace prayer: Anne Meyer Byler

Scripture reader: Roger Hooley

Testimony: Luke Penner

Childcare: Ashley Johar

Order of worship

COVID candle lighting

Silence and reflection

Peace prayer

Gathering song

VT 42

Could it Be That God Is Singing

Welcome and invocation

Call to worship

VT 81

All Creatures Worship God Most High

VT 39

As We Rise, O God, to Meet You

Offering

“Creatures” testimony

Children dismissed

Confession

VT 78

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues

Scripture

Revelation 5:11-14

Sermon

Every creature singing

Song of response

Congregational sharing and prayer

Introductions and announcements

Sending song

Today

- Second hour:
 - *Bible study* taught by Dave Miller in the Questers Room
 - *Wired Word* taught by Helene Hoover in the Prayer Room
 - *Intergenerational Conversations* hosted by Scott Kempf in the Sanctuary
 - *Meal preparation* in the Fellowship Hall
- 12noon, Fellowship meal, hosted by A-Ge. Everyone welcome.

Next Sunday

- Jennifer Schrock of Mennonite Creation Care Network will be our guest preacher, on “Locally Grown” connected with Matthew 13:31-33.
- Fellowship meal, hosted by Gr-Mah.

Upcoming event

Sunday May 22, 1pm, Congregational meeting. Along with other agenda, the pastoral team is recommending that Benton join the Supportive Communities Network of the Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Concerns. This grows out of our recently passed Welcome Statement. The discussions at our last congregational meeting included substantial support for joining SCN and desire to embrace sexual and gender expansiveness. Some discomfort with this trajectory was voiced, as well as respect for those who may choose not to come along on this journey.

Announcements

Here at Benton

Congratulations to our college graduates, all of whom have ceremonies this weekend! Conrad Meyer-Reed from the University of Colorado, Elaina Youngberg from Goshen College, and Anita Martin from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leaders: Glo Showalter and Patty Nofziger

Song leader: Barb Mayer-Reed

Children’s focus: Rich Meyer

Greeters: Dave and Vi Hartzler

Offering, April 24 2022

Weekly received: \$246

Weekly expected: \$3,020

Difference: (\$2,774)

YTD received: \$45,733

YTD expected: \$51,340

Difference: (\$5,607)

Building Campaign

YTD received: \$9,535

Total received: \$410,616

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You can bring offerings to in-person worship, send checks to the church office, authorize automatic payments from your account, or use the donate button on the website.

Attendance for Sunday April 24

Total: 63

Visitors: 0

Staff hours for this week

Doug: Tuesday and Friday

Steve: Friday

*Announcements can be sent to office@bentonchurch.org.
All information is due by 7pm, Thursday.*




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*Relying on the Spirit,
we will love as Jesus loves,
pursuing God's peace
at the river and
at the table.*



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